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SPEECH
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By Sir
Benjamin Rudyard,

For accommodation, betwixt his
Majesty and his Parliament.
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MR. SPEAKER,

IN the way we are, we have
gone as farre as words can
carry us: We have voted our
owne Right, and the Kings
Duty: No doubt there is a
Relative Duty between a
King and Subjects; Obedience from a
Subject to a King, protection from a
King to His People. The present unhappy
distance between His Majestie and the Par-
liament, makes the whole Kingdome stand
amazed, in a fearfull expectation of dismall

Calamities to fall upon it: It deeply and
conscionably concernes this House to com-
pose and settle these threatening, ruining di-
stractions. *Mr. Speaker*, I am touch'd, I am
pierc'd with an apprehension of the Honour
of the House, and successe of this Parliament.
The best way to give a stop to these despe-
rate, imminent mischiefs is, To make a faire
way for the Kings return hither. It will like-
wise give best satisfaction to the people, and
will bee our best Iustification. *Mr. Speaker*,
That we may the better consider the condi-
tion we are now in, let us set our selves three
Yeers back: If any man then could have
credibly told us, That within three Yeers the
Queen shall be gone out of *England* into the
Low Countries for any cause whatsoever,
The King shall remove from his Parliament,
from *London* to *York*, declaring himselfe not
to be safe here, That there shall be a totall
Rebellion in *Ireland*, Such discords and di-
stempers both in Church and State here, as
now we find; certainly we should have
trembled at the thought of it: Wherefore it
is fit we should be sensible now we are in it.

On the other side, if any man then, could have credibly told us, That within three Yeers yee shall have a Parliament, it would have beene good News; That ship-money shall be taken away by an Act of Parliament, the Reasons and Grounds of it so rooted out, as that neither it, nor any thing like it, can ever grow up again; That Monopolies, The high-Commission Court, the Starre-Chamber, The Bishops Votes shall be taken away, The Councel Table regulated and restrained, The Forrests bounded and limited; That ye shall have a Trienniall Parliament; and more then that, A Perpetuall Parliament, which none shall have power to dissolve without your selves, we should have thought this a dream of happinesse; yet now we are in the reall possession of it, wee doe not enjoy it, although his Majestie hath promised and published he will make all this good to us: We stand chiefly upon further security; whereas, the very having of these things, is a convenient, faire securitie, mutually securing one another: there is more securitie offered, even in this last answer of the

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Kings, By removing the personall Votes of
popish Lords, By the better Education of
papists children, By supplying the defects of
Laws against Recusants, besides what else
may be enlarged and improved by a select
Committee of both Houses, named for that
purpose. Wherefore, Sir, let us beware we
do not contend for such a hazardous unsafe
securitie, as may endanger the losse of what
we have already; let us not thinke we have
nothing, because we have not all we desire;
and though we had, yet we cannot make a
Mathematicall securitie; All humane Cauti-
on is Susceptible of corruption and failing;
Gods providence will not be bound, successe
must be his: He that observes the wind and
rain, shall neither sow nor reap; if he do no-
thing, till he can secure the weather, he will
have but an ill harvest.

M. Speaker, It now behoves us to call up
all the wisdom we have about us, for wee
are at the very brink of combustion and con-
fusion: If blood once begin to touch blood,
wee shall presently fall into a certain misery,
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and must attend an uncertaine successe; God
knows when, and GOD knows what.
Every man here is bound in conscience to
employ his uttermost endeavours to prevent
the effusion of bloud; bloud is a crying sin, it
pollutes a Land; let us save our Liberties, and
our Estates, as wee may save our Souls too.
Now I have cleerely delivered mine owne
conscience, I leave every man freely to his.

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